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AMENDMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2006, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments, beginning on page 2,
2. Amendments and Listing of Claims, beginning on page 3, and
3. Remarks, beginning on page 10.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2006, in which claims 1-24 were pending and claims 19-24 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-8 were rejected and claims 9-18 objected to in the Office Action. By this response claim 1 is amended and claim 2 canceled. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 3-18 are requested.